

REMARKS

In the April 14, 2004 Office Action, claims 1-9 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,571. Applicants note the various discussion of the rejection in the Office Action. However, Applicants also note the Office Action suggests a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome such a rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application, which would extend it beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154-156 and 173, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,571. The Terminal Disclaimer also notes that any patent so granted on the present application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patents are commonly owned. Applicants therefore respectfully request the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

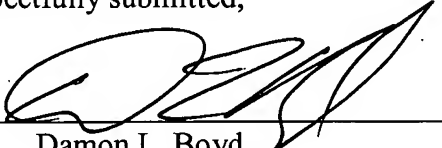
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the currently pending claims 1-9 properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and are allowable over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (602) 382-6337 at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject Application. Applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. **This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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